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KAROO AT GREAT RISK



Fracking in the USA. Is this what we want our back yard to look like?

- Colin Bower -

Shell is either unwilling or incapable of saying how many wells it will drill should it reach the production stage of its ambitious plan for fracking in the Karoo. This is what a contingent of Prince Alberters learned when they attended a presentation by Shell and its environmental consultants Golder Associates in Beaufort West in March. All Shell was prepared to confirm was that it would exceed the total of 24 wells that it will drill during the three year exploration phase – should it of course get the necessary permission from the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) to proceed, which seems likely.

About 50 people attended the presentation. Another key question that tapped into the concerns of those who want to maintain the present status of the Karoo as agricultural land and wilderness semi-desert related to the water consumption required by fracking – approximately six million litres of water per frack. This – according to Sue Dean who attended the

presentation - is enough water to support 1 000 households for one month or one household for 83 years. The Shell spokesperson suggested that water would come from deep level Karoo aquifers, from the sea, and from rivers such as the Orange, but indicated that decisions of this sort would only be made in the event that the production phase was to go ahead. The answer did little to allay the fears of the Prince Alberters regarding the development of massive industrial infrastructures throughout the Karoo to deliver and store such vast quantities of water.

Other questions that were impeccably noted and stored, but not answered, related to the extended time frame necessary for recovery of disturbed Karoo landscape – a questioner suggested that this was not less than 50 years – and the equally extended time frame necessary for ground water pollution to manifest.

Members of the audience wanted to know why fracking should be allowed in the Karoo if it had been illegalised in 116 jurisdictions in the USA, and throughout the

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state of Quebec, and been made subject to a moratorium throughout France. Again, no clear answer was provided, although a Shell spokesperson suggested that there had been considerable advance in fracking technology since all of those prohibitions were laid down.

Either directly, or through its consultants Golder, Shell provided a mass of information and technical detail relating in particular to the exploration phase that dominated much of the meeting. But as one member of the audience publicly noted, the issue at hand was one of trust, and the question that Shell really should have been addressing, in view of the claim by Martin Meredith in his book *The State of Africa*, that Shell had expropriated \$130-billion from Nigeria, was why it should be trusted at all. The issue - another speaker from the floor noted - did not relate to the exploration phase at all, but to the consequences of full-scale gas production in the Karoo, and that none of the assurances given by Shell related to the certainty of industrialisation of the Karoo that such full-scale gas exploration would cause.

Shell has applied for a three year licence to explore, and will have the option to convert this licence into an open-ended production licence. Under current legislation, all mineral resources are owned by the state, and once such licences have been obtained, Shell – and of course any other licence holders – has the right to occupy privately-owned land in order to produce gas. Two other companies – Falcon and Bundu - have also applied

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Don't Frack in our Backyard

We at *The Friend* are devastated by Shell's plans for the Karoo that were revealed in several recent public hearings in our region. Just have a look at our front page story and photo on fracking.

Cape Town environmentalist Lewis Pugh describes Shell's actions as pure contempt for South Africa's Constitution, which enshrines the principles of conserving our environment not just for us today but for our children's children. Shell's claims are immoral because they show complete disregard for the people of the Karoo and their livelihoods.

Pugh echoes many people's concerns

when he asks: "Why should we trust Shell?" Why should we trust any oil company, for that matter? Shell spilled more than 9-million barrels of oil in the Niger Delta. That is twice as much oil as BP spilled in the Gulf of Mexico. "The Karoo is to Shell what the Gulf of Mexico is to BP," says Pugh.

Shell's claim that it will provide work here is less than honest. When shale gas is depleted within five to 15 years, Shell will simply pack up and leave, without having invested in the Karoo and its people. Should it not rather invest its considerable profits in developing renewable energy resources?

A Christian Perspective More Precious than Gold

- Vic Tickner -

For centuries gold was the most precious metal in the world. It is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 2:11 in the land of Havilah. In ancient times the Pharaohs of Egypt had great quantities of gold placed in their tombs to accompany them into the next life. Men have murdered for it and battles were won and lost over it.

In 1870 Prince Albert had a gold rush where many came hoping to find their pot of gold on the farm Spreeuwfontein, where a young boy of thirteen picked up the first nugget. In 1891 a second nugget was found and shortly afterwards Parliament proclaimed two farms as public diggings. At midnight on 4 August 1891 some 500 people rushed to the diggings to peg their claims. In a few weeks, tents

and corrugated iron shacks sprang up. A blacksmith set up his business and then a baker arrived as did a barber. Eventually a chemist came to look after the sick. A Roman Catholic priest came to look after those of that faith and a Dutch Reformed church was started in a tent. As the town grew, the needs of people were looked after. Those who did not grow rich went back to where they had come from, even poorer than when they had first arrived.

In the first book of Peter 1:7 it says "that the proof of our faith is more precious than gold". To have faith simply means believing in our God and doing His will to the best of our ability. It means studying His word, not taking away from it or adding to it. As gold must go through a furnace to become pure so too must our faith undergo testing to prove what real faith is. This is more precious than gold.



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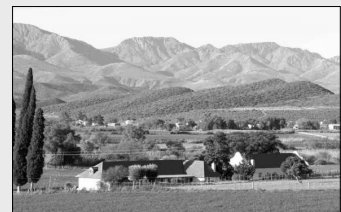


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The *Prince Albert Friend* reserves the right to edit and shorten letters. Letters must provide the writer's name, address and telephone number (not for publication).

Cheesed Off

On 18 May we shall have the privilege of electing a new Council. At the time of writing this letter, I have no idea who the candidates will be. And whether any of those currently "serving" will be standing again. There is a long list of problems and complaints that one could level at the Council as a collective body, but more difficult to apportion individual accountability or blame for the budgetary shortfalls and oversight failures, e.g. the water mismanagement fiasco.

If any of the Councillors were hoping to be re-elected and tried to canvass my vote, I would ask a simple (but loaded) question: Did you vote to suspend Juanita Fortuin? The unfair removal of our competent and hard-working Municipal Manager was indeed a sorry saga of plotting, scheming, backstabbing, duplicitousness, and probably a fair dose of male chauvinism. Unhappily, the good guy (Juanita) and the Prince Albert community lost against those with vested interests, political aspirations and plain greed.

My fervent hope is that on 18 May we will have worthy candidates who will have the wisdom and integrity to restore our respect for our local authority.

Cheesed off Citizen

(The writer's identity is known to the *Friend*)

Why we should vote on 18 May

For four weeks in December 2010 the Prince Albert Municipality employed 25 young Prince Alberters to go door-to-door throughout the town, interview residents and complete a nine-page questionnaire about service delivery in both Afrikaans and English. The cost to the Municipality was approximately R40 000.00

The undated questionnaire had no timetable for collection and collation of information and publishing of results. The interviewers were paid on a daily basis and not on a completed questionnaires-basis, as is

normal procedure when conducting surveys of this kind. Such door-to-door surveys are usually shorter too.

My wife and I were asked to complete the questionnaire by six young women who came to our door on 10 December. They reluctantly left us with two copies, which I promised to fill in and return personally. On talking to lots of other Prince Alberters I discovered that they had not been approached or interviewed.

After I spoke to the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Pedro Oliphant, on 31 December he gave me 50 questionnaires to distribute throughout the town myself. When I tried to collect another 50 copies, the Mayor, Cllr April Pienaar, forbade the receptionist from giving them to me. I explained what I was doing and that I was motivated by the interviewers' (dubious explanation to Mr Oliphant that 'people in South End were not interested in filling in the questionnaire.'

I suggested that the Municipality include the questionnaire with the monthly Municipal accounts, thus ensuring that all ratepayers received it. Cllr Pienaar thought this 'was a good idea' and undertook to take it up with the finance section. Needless to say there was no questionnaire with my next account and I ar-

ranged to speak with the Mayor again.

He told me that the questionnaires had been dealt with correctly and that he considered the matter closed. The results of the survey would be published soon, he said and as he held 'a political position', should I wish to pursue the matter further I should take it up with Mr Oliphant.

When I eventually managed to speak to Mr Oliphant he too said that the matter 'was closed', that was his 'final answer' and that he did 'not need to ask the audience.'

This is yet another example of how bad our Municipal officials are at communicating with ratepayers and residents, the very people who care about the wellbeing of the town. A service delivery questionnaire is very important but no one was told about it. The survey was left to poorly trained, badly briefed temporary employees without any supervision, who were paid in spite of poor performance.

If we Prince Alberters want accountable, more efficient, and more responsive local government, all eligible voters must get up and vote on 18 May.

John Mckenna

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Prince Albert: an extraordinary place

I would like to write a quick note to the community of Prince Albert – to say a special thanks. A couple of times a year I host a photographic weekend in town. My fifth course has just finished, and once again those who took part were so thankful for the spirit the town's people showed them. Walking with their cameras through the streets people stopped to ask if they were doing the course, others offered to pose for portraits. Everyone welcomed them, everyone smiled. (And said cheese!)

Besides the participants being so welcomed I would like personally to thank a few people in town who have gone out of their way to help me with the course. Athol Loppnow – who is as ready with his projector as he is with his snake kit. The Tait and du Plessis families and Gay van Hasselt for the gracious loan of their farms for visual fodder and the *Lazy Lizard* and all those who make it the spe-

cial place it is. I'd especially like to thank all those locals who have done the course and recommended it to others (this past course was almost entirely made up of friends and family of those who have done the course before, and this means an incredible amount to me) and lastly to my parents, Megan and Pete Reinders – who always go over and above to help me in any way I need during these weekends.

Photography is my passion, and I love to share my skills – but these courses would not be half as great if they didn't take place in the special place of Prince Albert.

Sam Reinders

Hoërskool Zwartberg's 200 Club

Dear 2010 200 Club Members

Thank you for your support for this much-needed fund raising project. During the two years of the Club's existence we raised R63 000.00 thanks to all the generous concerned residents and visitors to Prince Albert.

I ran it for two years with the help of Imke Maeyer and the *Prince Albert Friend*, but I can no longer continue. Hoërskool Zwartberg promised that someone would take over in January of this year, but to date no one has taken the responsibility.

Any queries should be directed to the School or the School's Governing Body.

Once again thank you all.

Di Steyn

Easy Access for All

This is another plea on behalf of the elderly and the disabled and those who are both elderly and disabled.

In two previous issues of the *Friend* (October and November 2010) readers made requests to motorists not to park their vehicles in front of access to ramps designed to assist people in wheelchairs,

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Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

Die langer nagte, vergelende blare en koeler nagte is duidelike tekens dat herfs met ons is. Ook die sterrehemel het sy tekens en so kan ons gedurende die herfs vir *Orion* en die Skerpioen tydens dieselfde nag waarneem waar Skerpioen met sy giftige angel *Orion* se ondergang beteken.

Die ware herfs-sterrebeeld is *Leo*, die Leeu. Dit is die vyfde sterrebeeld van die dierieriem en sy helder hoofster, *Regulus*, lê presies saam met al die planete op die ekliptika. Dié ster, wat as die ogie van 'n vishoek beskou kan word, lei jou oog na 'n boog van helder sterre en hulle dui die posisie van *Leo* se maanhare aan.

Verder oos, in die sterrebeeld *Virgo*, die Maagd, lê die gelerige *Saturnus* naby die helder ster *Spica*, waar hy nog vir 18 maande sal lê. *Saturnus* se ringvlak is weer tot nege grade oopgedraai en daarom vertoon hy ietwat helderder. Op 4 April staan die ringplaneet in opposisie tot die Son, wat beteken dat *Saturnus* met sonsondergang opkom, soos ons dit van die volmaan gewoond is. Met 'n magnitude van 0,4 is *Saturnus* vir die volgende paar maande een van die helderste voorwerpe in die hemelruim en sal hy nog elke jaar aan helderheid toeneem soos sy ringvlak ten volle oopdraai.

Tydens April kan *Venus* vir twee uur voor sonsopkoms as helder Oggendster gesien word, terwyl *Jupiter* in konjunksie met die Son is, m.a.w. vir ons aan die anderkant van die Son en daarom vir ons onsigbaar.

Omdat nuwemaan op 3 April en volmaan op 18 April is, behoort ons, as die weer

saamspeel, tydens die Prince Albert Olyfrees 'n uitstekende sterrekyk-aand te hê!

Tans is die omgewing van die drie kruise baie pragtig in die suide bokant die Swartberge te sien. Ook die Groot Magellaanse Wolke is nog duidelik sigbaar. Die *Wishing Well*, die Juwelekissie en die pragtige bolvormige sterrehopie, *Omega Centauri*, kan ons nog in donker nagte verwonderd laat sterre kyk.

NASA-nuus:

Die ou *Discovery* pendeltuig het sy finale vragaflewering na die Internasionale Ruimtestasie voltooi en daarna op die Kennedy Ruimtesentrum geland. Benewens groot bou-elemente vir die ISS is 'n robot, die *Robonaut*, afgelewer. Daar word beoog dat hy uiteindelik roetine-take vir die bemanning sal kan uitvoer en selfs buite die ruimtestasie kan funksioneer. Dit sal die risiko's van die ruimte-manne buite die tuig aansienlik verminder. Om te dink: die klein ystermannetjie met 'n kamera in sy kop kan sonder ruimtepak, suurstof of lugdrukaanpassing en sonder kos die onherbergsame ruimte aandurf. Tans het hy nog nie ledemate vir beweging nie, maar die sal mettertyd aangebring word sodra die probleme van die afwesigheid van swaartekrag uitgewerk is.

Endeavour moet nog 'n laaste pendelvlug onderneem. Daarna is die era van groot pendeltuie verby en word herwinbare materiaal en voorrade met geoutomatiseerde ruimtetuie na die ISS vervoer. Ruimtereisigers sal vir tyd en wyl met die Russiese Sojoeskapsules na en van die ISS reis.

Hou die sterre in u oë !

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March 2011

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April 2011

1 April: Een Mens het baie Name deur Christine Thomas, P A Kunstgalerie, 18:00

1 & 2 April: Stargazing with Astro Tours

2 April: GASLand, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg, de Beer St, 15:00

2 April: Witblitsstook, Fransie Pienaar Museum, 17:30, R60

6 April: Garden Club visits Weltevrede Fig Farm. Meet at FP Museum at 14:00

8 & 9 April: Stargazing with Astro Tours

19 April: George Male Choir, NG Kerk, 19:00

22 - 30 April: Stargazing with Astro Tours

30 April & 1 May: Prince Albert Olyfrees

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1 & 2 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

6 & 7 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

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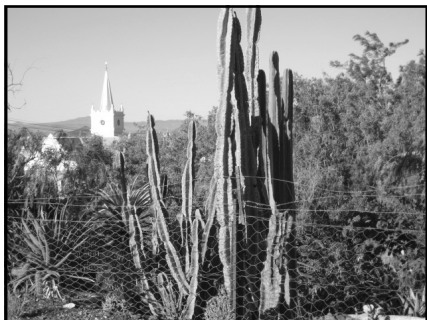
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- 2,9 ha met sterk leibeurt, boorgat/windpomp en ou huis om te restoreer R3,15 + BTW
- 7,3 ha met uitstekende water, olyfboom, skuur en 1945-huis vir R3,5 mil + BTW

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Open plan dining room to smart kitchen with scullery and pantry. Great master suite; two guestrooms with own bathrooms. The four meter stoep overlooks the new olive grove. Leiwat, dam, garden cottage... Immaculate garden and drop-dead views!



Olive Festival Auction

The Tourism Office is holding an auction during the Olive festival.

Mark Steyn is our Auctioneer and we will be auctioning all sorts of items, from donated goods, bric-a-brac, and some treasures. If you have anything of value that you would like to sell, we will auction it for you and YOU get the money. The tourism office will take a 10% commission as we are trying to raise funds to keep the office afloat.

We will accept anything, from cars to paintings, to furniture to whatever it is that you need to sell! Don't forget that we will also gladly accept donated items!

We will need to know well in advance what it is you are contributing, but the items will need to be delivered on the day before the event (time and place to be announced).

It promises to be a fun event, and will be well advertised so as to draw as many buyers as possible.

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mothers with prams or others who have a problem coping with steps.

Both the local traffic police and motorists have ignored these requests. To add insult to injury, on 22 March the access ramp to the Post Office and the Magistrate's Court was blocked by a small white car with a George number plate. On both front doors of the vehicle was painted in large letters, 'Justice for All.'

This is a repeat of the previous request that our local traffic authorities erect notices depicting a wheelchair sign on the pavements next to access ramps to public buildings. These signs are obligatory in most countries and enforced by clamping the wheels of the offending vehicle and a heavy fine for the owner.

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NEW

Website Property Ref: RES. 31 PRICE: R2 900 000

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**R 1.55m**

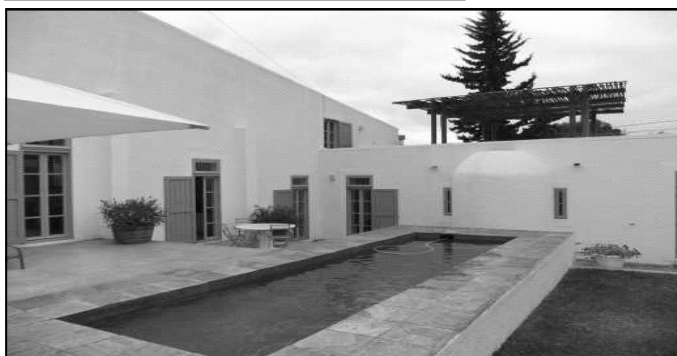
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R 1.6m

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

BEOOGDE DORPSTIGTING OP GEDEELTES 16 EN 7 VAN PLAAS NR 55, EN ERWE 60 TOT 33, LEEU-GAMKA

KENNISGEWING NR. 05/2011

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Raad 'n aansoek om 'n hersonering na onderverdelingsgebied ontvang het ten opsigte van bogenoemde eiendom.

Aard van aansoek :

- Hersonering vanaf Landbou Sone I en Residensiële 1 tot Onderverdelings gebied met die doel om:
 - 292 Residensiële 1 erwe (subsidie behuising)
 - 32 Residensiële 1 erf (bekostigbare behuising)
 - 9 Ligte Nywerheidserwe
 - 2 Publieke Oopspasies
 - 1 Kerkperseel

te vestig. Die doel is om die Raad se waglys vir subsidie-behuising, bekostigbare behuising, en nywerheidserwe, in Leeu-Gamka, effek-tief aan te spreek.

Aansoeker :

- Terraplan, namens Asla en Prins Albert Munisipaliteit.

Nadere besonderhede kan gedurende normale kantoorure verkry word van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Munisipale Kantoor Leeu-Gamka of die Raad se konsultante, Terraplan Stadsbeplanners (021 975 1300).

Besware, indien enige, moet skriftelik, met redes, ingedien word binne en nie later as 31 dae na datum van die kennisgewing, ontvang word deur die Munisipale Bestuurder.

Munisipale Kantoor
Privaatsak X53
PRINS ALBERT
6930

PL OLIPHANT
wnde MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
3 Maart 2011
Tel. (023) 541-1320



PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON PORTION 16 AND 7 OF FARM 55 AND ERVEN 60 TO 33, LEEU-GAMKA

NOTICE NR. 05/2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Council has received an applica-tion for rezoning and subdivision in respect of abovementioned property.

Nature of application:

- Rezoning from Agriculture Zone I to Sub-divisional Area to establish:
 - 292 Residential 1 erven (subsidy housing)
 - 32 Residential 1 erf (affordable housing)
 - 9 Light Industrial erven
 - 2 Public Open Spaces
 - 1 Church erf

on the property. The purpose is to address the Council's waiting list for subsidy housing, affordable housing and industrial erven in Leeu-Gamka, effectively.

Applicant:

- Terraplan, for Asla and Prince Albert Municipality.

Further details may be obtained at the Municipal Offices during nor-mal office hours from the Municipal Manager or the Council's consult-ants, Terraplan Town Planners (021 975 1300).

Objections, if any, must be lodged in writing, with reasons, and re-ceived by the Municipal Manager within 31 days of the date of this notice.

Municipal Offices
Private Bag X53
PRINCE ALBERT
6930

PL OLIPHANT
acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER
3 March 2011
Tel. (023) 541-1320

Brett the Vet - Class Act

The new *Consumer Protection Act* (CPA), which comes into force on 1 April 2011, will place South Africans among the most protected and powerful consumers in the world. The new act could give consumers the power to put an end to cruel and inhumane production systems that cause suffering, distress, and misery in farm animals.

In terms of the new Consumer Protection Act, an accredited organization has the right to take action against conduct that is 'unconscionable'. The Act then defines 'unconscionable' as being 'unethical or improper to a degree that would shock the conscience of a reasonable person.'

In terms of the Act consumers also have the right to fair and honest dealing from suppliers. A supplier may not knowingly take advantage of consumers who are not able to protect their own interests due, inter alia, to ignorance and illiteracy. Most shoppers are ignorant of conditions on factory farms because the industry effectively conceals the horrors of factory farming from the public. Lack of proper labelling by suppliers is often misleading, if not blatantly incorrect, keeping consumers ignorant as to how the animals providing their food live and die.

The introduction of the CPA has clearly been necessitated by the escalating levels of 'unconscionable' conduct in a growing consumer society that is constantly demanding more and cheaper products. Unchecked greed has far reaching implications for food production animals that

end up in crowded conditions that maximize production at the expense of animal well being.

Farmers who adhere strictly to good agricultural practices will have nothing to worry about. The problem is that many modern farming systems that would 'shock the conscience of a reasonable person' are considered to be 'normal' by people habituated to institutionalized cruelty. The rising number of so called 'green' farmers will be vindicated by the impact of the new Act, welcoming the opportunity to be recognized for their efforts in placing the highest priority on the welfare of the animals under their care. With greater transparency of farming methods, properly informed consumers will have clearer guidelines providing knowledge for making more ethical choices.

Compassion in World Farming (SA) believes that the new Consumer Protection Act could be the catalyst for a phase-out of factory farming in South Africa. CIWF believes our treatment of farm animals in many cases is improper to a degree that would shock the conscience of reasonable people. CIWF has fulfilled the requirements for accreditation and will be taking class action in terms of the Act to challenge 'unconscionable' methods of animal production. The initial focus for CIWF will be to demand a ban on battery hens and sow crates in South Africa. These are two of the cruellest systems that have either been banned already or are being phased out in many other parts of the world.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 7/2011
VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 997, LANGSTRAAT 428, PRINS ALBERT
MNR. ALI ABDI YUSUF**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die Dorpsaanlegskema.

NAAM: MNR. ALI ABDI YUSUF
ADRES – PRINS ALBERT: LANGSTRAAT 428
ERF NO: 997
DOEL VAN AANSOEK: BEDRYF VAN HUISWINKEL

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **DONDERDAG, 21 APRIL 2011** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor PL OLIPHANT
 Privaatsak X53 wnde MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
 PRINS ALBERT 14 Maart 2011
 6930 Tel. (023) 541-1320

PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 7/2011
PROPOSED DEPARTURE OF
TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 997, 428 LANG STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
MR. ALI ABDI YUSUF**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

NAME: MR. ALI ABDI YUSUF
ADDRESS – PRINCE ALBERT: 428 LANG STREET
ERF NO: 997
REASON FOR APPLICATION: PRACTICE A SHOP

Details of the proposal are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL 2011**.

Municipal Offices PL OLIPHANT
 Private Bag X53 acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 PRINCE ALBERT 14 March 2011
 6930 Tel. (023) 541-1320

PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 8/2011****AANSOEK OM HERSONERING VAN
ERF 485, KERKSTRAAT 21,
PRINS ALBERT****HESTER SUSANNA MYBURGH**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 17 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **ME. HESTER SUSANNA MYBURGH** ontvang het vir die **HERSONERING** van **ERF 485, KERKSTRAAT 21, PRINS ALBERT** vanaf **RESIDENSIËLE SONE I** na **SAKE SONE II**, vir die bedryf van 'n Pottery Studio en Keramiek Winkel, met Vergunningsgebruik van 'n woonhuis op die Perseel.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **DONDERDAG 21 APRIL 2011** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor PL OLIPHANT
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 PRINS ALBERT 14 Maart 2011
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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 8/2011****PROPOSED REZONING OF
ERF 485, 21 CHURCH STREET,
PRINCE ALBERT****HESTER SUSANNA MYBURGH**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 17 of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that Council received an application from **Mrs. HESTER SUSANNA MYBURGH** to **REZONE** **ERF 485 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT** from **RESIDENTIAL ZONE I** to **BUSINESS ZONE II**, to Practice a Pottery Studio and a Ceramic Shop, with Consent Use of a house on the premises.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2011**.

Municipal Offices PL OLIPHANT
 Private Bag X53 acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 PRINCE ALBERT 5 October 2010
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If you go down to the Library, you're sure of a big surprise



Sussie en Boetie van Onselen,
the Library's newest members (Photo: Ailsa Tudhope)

- Ailsa Tudhope -

A trip to the library is always a pleasurable experience. Reinie, Jeanette and Kato offer a friendly welcome and there's usually another eager reader or two around. Since I generally visit in the afternoon there are lots of children, whose enthusiasm further brightens the day. I have encountered dogs and cats in the library too, accompanying their hu-

mans as they choose books or being brought in especially to meet Tannie Reinie, but on the last day of January I met a most unusual visitor, a gorgeous, cuddly bundle of a teddy bear, dressed in a sequinned, satin party dress.

Sussie van Onselen was born in Hamley's Toy Shop (every child's and many adult's dream destination on a trip to London) at a Build-A-Bear Workshop® on 7 July 2007 and she travelled to South Africa with her Ma Hendrika, bearing an extensive wardrobe. When big brother Vernon came home from several years work experience in England he surprised her and their ma with more fashionable outfits

Proud Ma Hendrika took Sussie to school to introduce her to all the teachers and some of the learners. Sometimes the van Onselen ladies would arrive at school wearing identical outfits. It was only recently that Tannie Reinie heard about this little resident who had not yet joined the ranks of Prince Albert Library readers.

This had to be put to rights, so Sussie van Onselen arrived to take out her first library book, especially chosen for her by our perceptive Librarian... Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Ma Hendrika told me that she intended reading it to Sussie and her little brother Boetie that night at bedtime. Boetie has yet to meet Tannie Reinie, it seems that, as boy bears will, he had got quite grubby whilst playing in the garden and his clothes were in the wash. It would not do for a young lady of Sussie's sensibilities to be seen with a brother wearing only his bearskin, so he had stayed at home. Obviously his cupboard is bare whereas Sussie's is ... just right.

Now that she has discovered the Library and the friendly folk there Sussie intends visiting again. She saw some other books which rather took her fancy: Winnie the Pooh, the Paddington Bear series, Rupert Bear ...

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SHORT TERM

Museumnuus: Wat skenk ons vir die Museum?



Volgens oorlewering is hierdie silwer troupan deur die stamvader, Helmoet Luttig, in 1736 na Suid-Afrika gebring. Die gebruik van die troupan was dat die oudste seun van die gesin dit aan sy bruid skenk.

“Wat skenk ons vir die Museum”. So begin Poem Money se gedig, *‘n Eenvoudige Bydrag*. Sowat twaalf of dertien jaar gelede het ek hom leer ken toe hy ‘n besoek afgelê het by die museum. Hy was besig om ‘n reünie te beplan vir die mense wat in Nuwerus op Prince Albert gewoon het. Nuwerus was die plek waar hy gebore is en waar sy vader ‘n pragtige huis vir hul familie gebou het. Terwyl ons gesels, vertel ek hom dat ons só graag ook die geskiedenis van ons Bruin mense in die museum wil opneem, maar dat niemand nog iets daarvoor aan ons museum geskenk het nie en dat ons nie self die middele of personeel het om navorsing daarvoor te doen nie.

So het die tyd verbygegaan en ongeveer sewe jaar gelede het die Prince Albert Kultuurstigting ‘n uitstappie onderneem na Nuwerus, Die Rooikamp en Bo-Dorp. Persone wat voorheen in hierdie buurte gewoon het, het vertel hoe dit gelyk het, wie waar gewoon het en wat hulle alles daar gedoen het. Hulle het ook foto’s van daardie tyd aan ons gewys. Hierdie verhale en foto’s het die kunstenaars, Christine Thomas, so aangegryp dat sy dit omskep het in skilderye. Sy het die museum genader om ‘n permanente uitstalling te maak. Met bevonding van die Piet Basson Trust is uitstallkaste gemaak en ‘n kamer voorberei en ingerig vir die uitstalling van Christine se 36 skilderye wat aangekoop is vir die museum deur die Rowland & Leta Hill Trust.

Christine se empatie en haar harde werk het gemaak dat ons uiteindelik met trots vir Poem Mooney en al die Bruin mense van Prince Albert kon uitnooi na die opening in 2005 van nog ‘n waardevolle uitstalling in ons museum!

Sowat ‘n maand gelede ontvang ek ‘n e-pos van trustees in Pretoria om ons in kennis te stel dat mejuffrou June Oosthuizen ‘n pand nagelaat het aan ons museum. Ek was baie nuuskierig om uit te vind wat hierdie pand is! Hulle stuur toe die nalatenskap. Dit is die

silwer Luttigtroupan, ongeveer 5cm in deursnee (soos ‘n medalje) - baie, baie raar en besonders. Mejuffrou Oosthuizen was ‘n afstameling van Jan Roeland Georg Luttig.

Nog ‘n besonderse item wat ons aan die einde van verlede jaar ontvang het van Veroni en John Wood (Veroni is Reinwald Dedekind, wat in Jan Louwstraat woon, se suster) is ‘n pragtige akkerhout spinwiel wat in Yorkshire, Engeland, gemaak is en geteken is deur Roy Davis, die man wat dit ongeveer vyftig jaar gelede gemaak het.

Maar die skenking wat my die diepste getref het, het op ‘n wonderbaarlike manier gekom. Op ‘n Saterdagoggend, ‘n paar maande gelede stap ‘n man die museum binne en sê aan my dat iemand hom vertel het dat hier ‘n foto van sy oom is by ons skooluitstalling. Ons gaan kyk, en daar sit sy oom, Victor Pretorius - die onderwyser van die matriekklas van 1921. Ek stel voor dat ons ook kyk of hy op ons versameling rugbyfoto’s is waar daar soveel van die vroeë inwoners van Prince Albert verskyn. Tot ons verbasing verskyn hy vanaf 1910 tot 1921 op 7 van die 18 foto’s, én hy is die kaptein van die dorp se rugbyspan! Gelukkig was daar geen ander besoekers in die museum nie en ek het tyd gehad om die oorspronklike foto’s uit ons argiewe te haal en aan hom te wys.

Die foto’s word in baie duur suurvrye papier of spesiale argivale plastiese foto-

(Vervolg op p 17)

Jennie's Skoonmaakdienste

Kontak my gerus as ek u huis kan skoonmaak,
wasgoed was of stryk, of dalk u mat kan kom was.

Ek ry ook graag u tuinvullis of bourommel weg.
Ek sal ook met graagte u tuin skoonmaak, gras sny, ens.

Kontak my as u meer navrae het en ons werk iets uit.
Verwysings is beskikbaar indien benodig.

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(Karoo at Great Risk... Continued from p 1)

for exploration licenses, and a gas feeding frenzy from Agullhas to Queenstown is likely if underground gas in viable volumes is found, as Shell and the other exploration companies clearly believe it will be.

Not the least of the consequent human tragedies that will unfold in terms of such a scenario, said one delegate, is the certainty that - contrary to their expectations - the unemployed and the poor of the Karoo will derive little or no benefit from such a high tech process.

The following website may be of interest to readers:

www.treasurethekaroo.blogspot.com

Prince Albert Ratepayers and Residents Association

Some things go up - and never come down



- PARRA committee -

The Municipality recently produced the concept budget for 2011/12, which reflects the proposed increases in property rates and tariffs. The document does not reveal any horrifying disasters, but makes it clear that the cost of living just goes up and up.

Eiendomsbelasting, bereken op die 2009 waardasies, sal R3.10 per R1 000 vir Prince Albert en Leeu-Gamka beloop, R2.20 vir Klarstroom en R0.78 vir die landelike gebiede. Dit beteken dat 'n eiendom, gewaardeer teen R700 000, jaarliks in Prince Albert eiendomsbelas-

ting van R2 240 sal in. Die verhoging van ander dienste is: riool 9%, vullisverwydering 10%, water 9,53% en elektrisiteit 'n onrusbarende 20%.

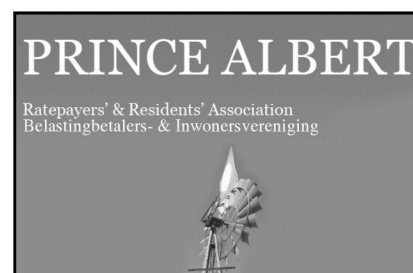
'n Noemenswaardige wysiging tot die huidige sisteem is die leegmaak van riooltenks, wat tans per trekking bereken word. In die toekoms sal alle huishoudings met 'n standaardbedrag van R700 per jaar aangeslaan word wat by die erfbelasting gevoeg gaan word. Vir groot huishoudings mag dit moontlik voordelig wees maar dit sal nog 'n bykomende uitgawe beteken vir klein huishoudings wat slegs 'n paar trekkings per jaar benodig.

The proposed new tariffs mean that seven to fifteen kl of water will be charged at the rate of R4.20 per kl (including VAT) and electricity at close to R0.69 (including VAT) per kilowatt-hour. It is interesting to note that in 2000 the same services were charged at R0.85 and R0.16 respectively – but then those were the good old days.

Die totale werksbegroting vir die Prince

Albert Munisipaliteit beloop R37 813 959 en voorsiening vir 'n sewende raadslid is in berekening gebring. 'n Opsomming van die begroting is ter insae in die Munisipaliteit se finansieële kantoor beskikbaar en ook by al drie dorpe se biblioteke. Dit is aan te beveel dat inwoners wat in die munisipale finansies belangstel, moeite doen om hierdie voorgestelde begroting te bestudeer.

The February edition of the *Friend* promised readers an explanation of the municipal elections to be held on 18 May. However, it has been decided to postpone that article to the April edition by which time candidates will be known and the elections will be just weeks away.



PRINCE ALBERT OLIVE FESTIVAL 2011

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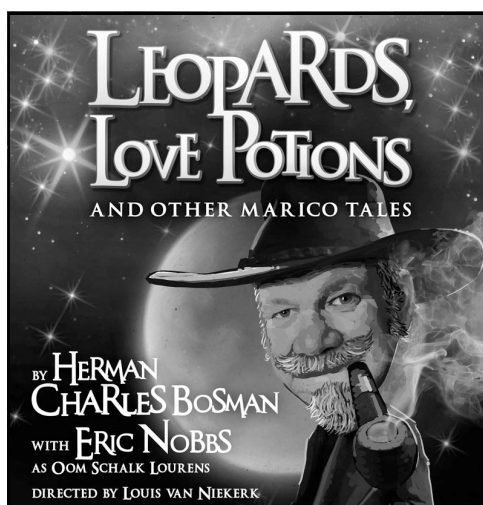
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(Museumnuus... Vervolg vanaf p 16)

houers bewaar. En wat 'n plesier was dit vir hom om die foto's van naby te kon bekyk.

Ek weet nie regtig wat Keet Pretorius se rede was nie, maar die volgende oomblik sê hy aan my: "Gee asseblief vir my julle bankdetails. Ek wil graag 'n R100 per maand aan julle museum skenk. Moet ek dit maandeliks of jaarliks inbetaal?" Ek was sprakeloos. Wat 'n wonderlike skenking aan ons museum!

Wanneer mense items aan 'n museum skenk, is dit gewoonlik iets ouds en waardevols wat bewaring en versorging benodig. Maar die proses van bewaring kos geld en die persone wat die bewaring doen, moet betaal word. Min mense besef dit en daarom is meneer Pretorius se skenking vir my so 'n sinvolle en waardevolle skenking.

Museumgroete
Lydia Barrella

Should the Saturday night show be sold out, don't worry.
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† Emile Erasmus 14 Mei 1956 - 19 Februarie 2011



Emile Erasmus

- Denise Ohlson -

Die onverwagse dood van Emile Erasmus in die vroegoggend van Saterdag, 19 Februarie, was 'n groot skok vir sy vrou Jennie en hul dogters Emoné (8) en Jo-Ané (3). Toe die ambulans nie opdaag op hul dringende oproep nie, is Emile met 'n bakkie hospitaal toe gejaag – waar hy met sy aankoms dood verklaar is. Hoewel hy nooit enige hartprobleme gehad het nie, het hy gesterf aan 'n massiewe hartaanval op die ouderdom van 54 jaar.

Emile, 'n boorling van Beaufort-Wes, word groot in Merweville en slaag matiek in Ceres. Sy eerste werk is as

polisieman in Richmond en daarna werk hy jare lank by die Kamer van Mynwese in Virginia.

In 1986 gaan hy terug Merweville toe om sy pa te help boer. Sy pa kry egter 'n beroerte en word 'n inwoner van Huis Kweekvallei op Prince Albert. Tydens 'n besoek aan sy pa ontmoet Emile verpleegster Jennie Cordier – en na sy pa se dood kom bly hy in Prince Albert en hulle trou op 20 Mei 2000. Emile was veral bekend as bouwer op die dorp en sy geel CCA 1544 Cortinabakkie was sy "trade mark".

Sy 85-jarige ma, wat in die ouetehuis in Porterville bly, kon nie sy begrafnis bywoon nie, maar sy enigste suster, Marinda, en ook sy vier kinders uit twee vorige huwelike, Eloma (31), Emile (29), Marcelle (19) en Elandi (16) het hul laaste eerbetoon kom bring.

Jennie spreek haar opregte dank uit teenoor almal wat haar en haar kinders bygestaan het in hierdie moeilike tyd. Sy is diep onder die indruk van die feit dat sy as 36-jarige weduwee nou verantwoordelik is vir die grootmaak van twee jong kinders en het begin met 'n skoonmaakdiens.

Sy gaan die geel bakkie inspan en is bereid om huise skoon te maak, wasgoed te was en te stryk, rommel en vullis te verwyder en enige karweiwerk te doen om die pot aan die kook te hou.

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✠ Marius Koonthea Tribute to a Good Friend and Chef



Marius 'Matie' Koonthea

- Bokkie Botha -

Marius Koonthea was born in Prince Albert only 36 years ago. He was schooled at Prince Albert Primêr and at the high school in Dysselsdorp. In 1986, when he was twelve he was badly injured in an accident at Prince Albert Road Station. His right arm was severely damaged and he developed epilepsy as a consequence. He was on regular medication to keep the epilepsy under control.

In 2001 he joined our kitchen at The Olive Branch restaurant. Together, he, his brother-in-law, Christian Andries (known to all as Ollie), and I, and later Hendry (Boel) Olivier all learned to cook!

I read the following words at his funeral:

"Matie Koonthea was my vriend. Ons het vir 10 jaar amper twee of drie dae saam-gewerk, elke week in dieselfde kombuis. Ollie en Boel was ook daar vir baie van daardie tyd, maar nie altyd nie. Ons het hard gewerk, maar daar was tyd om te gesels oor sport, die politiek, die wêreld, nasionale en plaaslike gebeurtenisse, en daar was min wat ons nie bespreek het nie. Ek dink ons het mekaar leer ken.

Matie was 'n inspirasie want hy was 'n talentvolle kok. Hy het pasta gemaak soos niemand anders nie, hy het baie van ons souse voorberei, en hy het ons groente voorberei en gekook. Hy was vinnig, netjies, en kon kos mooi laat lyk op 'n bord.

Terwyl hy, Ollie en ek saamgewerk het in die kombuis, het ons toekennings vir die restaurant gekry. Beste 100 in Suid Afrika, en een jaar onder die beste 10 vir elkedagse kos. Ons was en is in nasionale tydskrifte beskryf vir wat ons bereik het.

Ons gaan soveel mis van die Matie wat ons geken het, sy ervaring, sy rustigheid, sy humor, sy stille wysheid, sy vrede, maar ook sy opinies oor sportmanne en -vroue, sy liefde vir die Stormers en die Springbokke, sy sterk politieke menings, en sy goeie voorbeeld in sy gedrag.

Woorde wat hom beskryf het is stil, vriendelik, minsaam, goedhartig, behulpsaam, fatsoenlik, ordentlik, geheg, bedrewe, hardwerkend, sensitief, gevoelig, verstandig, betroubaar."

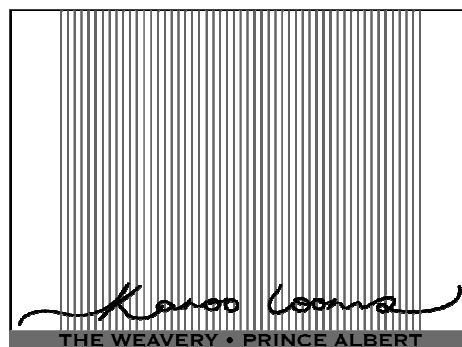
Matie was known to Olive Branch customers in South Africa and beyond, as evidenced by tributes received. At his funeral, Judge André van Niekerk read a message from Professor Mary Scholes, both of whom have worked with Marius many times in our kitchen):

"Dear Bokkie

Many thanks for phoning me with the sad news of the death of Marius. It was Ash Wednesday yesterday and we prayed for him, held a little vigil and lit candles. It is so sad and I find myself, with tears in my eyes on a daily basis when I think of him and the wonderful times we had together. He was always so polite and charming and had such a gentle manner, he was also able to give directions and tell you if you were doing it wrong in the nicest of ways. He loved to chuckle when Bob or I teased you. I cannot imagine how you feel, we will think and pray for you all.

Please give my condolences to the rest of the team, Mary Anne, Ollie, Hendry, Henrico and Daantjie. I will remember him with his characteristic smile."

Matie is survived by his sisters Ingrid Scheepers, Cecilia Louw, Marianna Koonthea, Dianna Andries, Irene Coetzee, Ruth Haal, and brothers Maxwell Koonthea, and Howard Chippendale, and wider family members and many friends.



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Val van der Riet and her beloved Jack

Valerie Norma Geerds was born on the 24 June 1924 at Canada Junction where her father worked for the South African Railways. She attended Rustenburg Girls High in Cape Town then completed a pre-nursing course at the University of Cape Town. She completed her nursing diploma and then did her midwifery at the Queen Victoria Hospital in Johannesburg. She went on to work at Groote Schuur Hospital for some years.

In 1948, Val married Trevor Smith whom she had met as a handsome naval officer during the Second World War. In 1951, their first child, Gary, was born

followed by a daughter, Megan, in 1953.

As Trevor was an engineer with the South African Railways, Val and he moved about the country with regularity before finally settling in Pretoria. Val was a born homemaker, and no matter where they lived, she made a home a beautiful safe haven for her family. She missed her children dearly when they were far away at boarding school. But for all that, she enjoyed many wonderful family holidays at the coast and several times the family went to visit her sister and her family in the Eastern Districts of the former Rhodesia.

Val's and Trevor's two grandchildren, Sarah-Jane and Daniel, lived with them from time to time. She was extremely proud of them – both lovingly called her 'Nana' - and their achievements and she played a big part in their lives.

During a holiday to Australia, Trevor fell seriously ill and passed away within a week.

After some years Val married General Renaut van der Riet and they moved to Plumstead in the Cape. They travelled overseas extensively and had a loving and happy marriage. Sadly, Renaut passed away four years later. As well as the heart-break of losing both her husbands, Val suffered the loss of her beloved Megan in a car crash at the age of 37.

Val lost two husbands, a ninety two year

old mother and a daughter in the space of a few years but she showed great strength and courage and continued to live a full and happy life. In 1999 she moved with Gary and his wife, Lisa, to Prince Albert where she cherished her little house on the koppie, which she shared with three different dogs and where her beautiful Karoo garden was testimony to her love of nature.

While making a new life and friends in Prince Albert, Val again suffered anguish at Gary's three major strokes. She was comforted knowing that Gary with his special gift with horses and Lisa had built a life together on Vrisgewaacht. Val and Gary spent every Sunday sitting in the quiet, healing setting of the Great Karoo. Both were happy and at peace.

Val was also proud and independent with an adventurous spirit and an enquiring mind. She was blessed enough to see the world and brought her grandchildren exciting presents from Switzerland and Hungary, dolls from Russia and silver from Norway. Her last and very special trip was to the Serengeti at the age of 85. This was the perfect ending to a rich life full of the ebb and flow, of love and loss, but with a huge dollop of joy thrown in.

Compiled from the tributes to Val by her sister, Meryl and granddaughter, Sarah-Jane, at her memorial service on 19 March 2011.

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The George Male Choir will perform an Easter programme in the NG Kerk on 19 April

One of South Africa's top choirs, the George Male Choir, will visit Prince Albert to sing a special Easter programme at the NG Kerk on 19 April. Music by such composers as Schubert, Mozart, Wolf, Franck and Bizet will be heard, as well as some spirituals. The concert is about an hour long and is an experience not to be missed.

The choir is rated as one of the very best in South Africa. Only three months after it was formed it achieved third place in a national choir competition. It performs regularly on radio and television and tours different parts of the country and has sung all over Europe since 2004 to great acclaim.

Apart from full recitals, the choir also sings at church services, retirement homes and hospices and for many charity organisations. Dalene Brits, the well-known composer and arranger of choir music is the founder and choir leader.

Music critics have described the choir as something extraordinary and precious and as the best male voice choir in the country. It has a vast repertoire ranging from sacred music to popular spirituals,

opera choruses, songs from musicals, contemporary compositions and folk songs. It has performed with well-known South African artists such as David Kramer, Rina Hugo, Anneli van Rooyen, Steve Hofmeyer, Laurika Rauch and others.

In May 2007, the George Male Choir was invited to sing at the International Male Voice Choir Festival in Cornwall. The choir came fifth out of more than 60 of the best choirs in the world. In 2008 the choir was presented with an illuminated address from the Municipality of George in recognition of their outstanding work in generating positive publicity for the town. They are sometimes referred to as George's best export product.

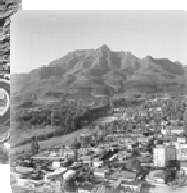
The choir is presently fundraising for a visit to the United States in 2012 in response to many invitations and as part of the choir's 30th anniversary celebration.

The George Male Choir's concert on 19 April in the NG Kerk is free and all are welcome. There will be a voluntary collection towards the choir's fee. The concert begins at 19:00.

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Parties Announce Election Candidates

- Linda Jaquet -

The three main parties that will contest the local government elections in the Prince Albert Municipal area on 18 May have announced their candidates. The lists of the African National Congress (ANC), the Democratic Alliance (DA) and the newly launched Karoo Gemeenskapsparty include current Councillors, well-known community activists and some names that will be unfamiliar to voters.

South Africa's proportional representation electoral system means that voters vote for a political party in a specific Ward. Parties draw up a list of their Ward candidates and a list of PR (proportional representation) candidates. The PR candidates may end up on Council depending on how many votes are cast for their party.

Prince Albert's municipal area is made up of four Wards. Ward 1's voting sta-

tions are Leeu-Gamka, Kruidfontein and Prince Albert Road. In Wards 2 and 3, voters will vote at the St John's Church Hall, while Ward 4 encompasses a large area: the voting stations at Klaarstroom Community Hall, Drie Riviere Farm shed and Seekoegat School.

The ANC's candidate in Ward 1 is Nicolaas Abrahams and in Ward 2, Rachel Roberts is standing. Fatima Lekay is standing in Ward 3 and April Pienaar in Ward 4. The party's proportional representation list is: 1. Christine Stols, 2. April Pienaar and 3. Dave Rennie. Abrahams and Pienaar serve in the current Council.

The DA has nominated Jacobus Goliath (who presently represents Leeu-Gamka in the Council) to stand in Ward 1, Colin Bower to represent Ward 2 and incumbent Councillors Willem Jansen and Stoffel Botes to stand in Wards 3 and 4 respectively. Annelie Rabie heads the party's proportional representation list,

followed by Stoffel Botes and Colin Bower. The DA has also announced that Rabie will be its mayoral candidate.

The Karoo Gemeenskapsparty's nominee in Ward 1 is David Steenkamp, while Margaretha Japhta is its candidate in Ward 2. Goliath Lottering will campaign in Ward 3 and Isak Windvogel in Ward 4. The new party's proportional representation list is: 1. Margaretha Japhta, 2. Raymond Swarts, 3. Caroline Adams, 4. Jim Malgas and 5. Fanie Hoorn.

The *Friend* plans to put a number of questions to the parties and we will carry their answers in our next edition.

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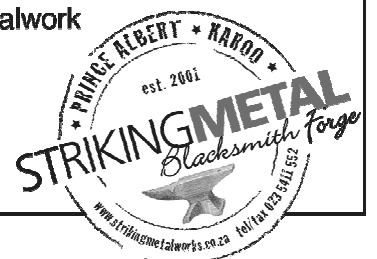
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Rien en Leilani en hul hond Amy pas na hul landing met hul 1943 MkV op die vliegveld net buite die dorp

- Denise Ohlson -

Rien de Muijnck en Leilani Rochard het op Saterdag, 19 Februarie 2011, 'n perfekte landing op ons plaaslike vliegveld gemaak in hul 68 jaar oue Auster MkV. Hul bokserhond, Amy, wat haar eie hondesitplek het, het saamgekom Karoo toe.

Toe Rien en sy vriend, Theo Waardenburg, die vliegtuig, wat uit die oorlogtyd (1943) dateer, in Mei 2005 gekoop het, het dit in Augustus 1971 laas gevlieg. Dit was gedeeltelik gerestoureer en spog toe met 'n Mazda V6 enjin...

Heel eerste het hulle die motorenjin verkoop en begin soek na 'n gepaste enjin – wat hulle in die VSA opspoor. Met die hulp van Peter Stoddart, 'n kenner van Auster vliegtuie, word die MkV noukeurig herbou. Peter voorsien Theo met meer as driehonderd tekeninge waarvolgens hy nuwe meganiese onderdele kan bou.

In Oktober 2006 het Theo elke moertjie en skroefie volledig in die instrumentpaneel en in Februarie 2007 kan hy vir Rien verseker dat elke instrument sekuur is. Met die hele voorkant in Augustus 2008 kompleet, volg die eerste geslaagde enjintoets vier maande later. Teen Oktober 2009 is die tenk in en die ribbekas oorge- trek. Uiteindelik, in Januarie 2010, is die hele raamwerk volledig toegerus.

Net minder as vyf jaar nadat die intense restaurasiewerk begin het, verlaat die herboude vliegtuig Theo se werkwinkel in Kaapstad om vervoer te word na die Worcester Lughawe waar Rien 'n loods het. Hier word die finale verslag die mas- sa/balans afgehandel, en die AME kom doen 'n offisiële inspeksie.

Die trotse eienaars kry die groen lig en op 19 September 2010 doen Rien 'n paar geslaagde oefenlopieë voordat hy die MkV se nuwe neus die blou lug instuur en twintig minute lank vlieg! Hy land veilig en rapporteer 'n paar meganiese plooië wat Theo gou uitstryk. Met hul "Authority to Fly" dokument in die sak, lig hulle 'n glasier op 'n suksesvolle projek en bedank hul uiters geduldige en ondersteunende lewensmaats.

Die vlug na Prince Albert was die MkV se eerste lang vlug – en vir seker nie die laaste nie. Rien, wat al vlieg vandat hy sewentien jaar oud is, sê op 72 is dit steeds een van die groot vreugdes van sy lewe om die wêreld te kan beskou van agter sy stuurstang. Dis nou as hy nie op sy seiljag is nie... Leilani reken egter sy was nou lank genoeg op oop water en die twee beplan om hulle permanent in Prince Albert te kom vestig en die Karoo vanuit die lug te kom verken.

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Martie van Wyk, from Huis Kweekvallei, and Ina Burger, from the ACVV) receives the box of goodies donated by the local bikers.

The Prince Albert motorbike club made its annual donations to the town's elderly on Saturday morning, 12 March. Twenty-five bikers, including about five quad bike riders, roared

up to Huis Kweekvallei accompanied by two bakkies carrying boxes of tinned food and large sacks of flour. Kobus 'Vlekkie' Moolman and Stefaan Schoeman handed over a box of good-

ies to Martie van Wyk of Huis Kweekvallei and Ina Burger, representing the Afrikaanse Christelike Vroue Vereniging (ACVV).

The bikers then zoomed down Church Street to the Sydwell Williams Centre where they were met by an enthusiastic crowd of senior citizens and younger residents, who all helped to unload the food parcels.

Later that evening, the group of bikers presented a donation of R625.00 to CANSA during its fundraising dinner at the Prince Albert Golf Club.

Wimpie le Roux explained: "We're a bunch of enthusiastic motorbike riders and we do this once a year because it's important to remember the elderly and the sick." He said that the bikers plan to hold a parade during the Olive Festival and were in fact looking for a name for the club. Anyone who is interested in knowing more should contact Wimpie on 082 0547597.



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Garden Club News

- Gill Hall -

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle and Respect the Planet was the theme of the Prince Albert Garden Club's March meeting. Ellen Joubert spoke about the town's successful recycling project, while Gill Hall gave useful tips on composting and worm farming.

But first Garden Club members visited the new memorial garden dedicated to Pixie Sharp at Huis Kweekvallei. Funded by Pixie's daughter and planned and created by Ione Auerswald and her Thursday Group colleagues, the garden is waterwise, indigenous and reflects Pixie's love of nature. Prince Albert residents donated the plants, the gravel and the bird feeder while a recycled railway sleeper is the focal point of the garden. Already the new garden provides a tranquil, attractive spot where Huis Kweekvallei residents can spend quiet time.

Recycling

Ellen Joubert has been the driving force behind Prince Albert's recycling project, which came into operation in August 2008. To date, over 100 000 tons of plastic, paper, tin and glass have been collected. "In a small village like ours," Ellen said, "that is a lot of material that has not gone into the landfill." It has also generated a useful income for the project.

Ellen stressed that the project could not have been successful without the support of the Municipality, which provides the site and the facilities and employs full time workers, as well as temporary workers under its poverty alleviation programme. They are highly motivated and sort and bag the recyclable material every Thursday for transporting to the depot at Oudtshoorn. They also have the unenviable task of then sorting through all the rubbish brought to the dump and removing everything that can be recycled.

Residents can help by putting out all recyclable materials in feedbags for collection every Thursday morning. Recyclables include glass bottles, tins, plastic,

plastic and more plastic – used containers, bottles, wrapping, bags – and paper. Rinse out bottles, tins and containers as best you can before putting them in bags. The project no longer recycles polystyrene containers – they are not an economic proposition for such a small setup.

The recycling project also sells recycled glass, seed trays and cardboard boxes really cheaply. Contact Ellen if you need more information on 023 541-1953.

Composting

One of Gill Hall's passions is reducing landfills. She pointed out that as most kitchen and garden waste can either go onto the compost heap or into worm farms everyone can help in reducing material that usually goes into the town's refuse site.

The best compost is home made – healthy soil is a living, complex substance full of helpful bacteria and micro-organisms that break down plant and animal matter into small particles and make the nutrients in these materials available to plants and vegetables. "Compost is decayed organic material rich in humus and composting is a way to turn organic wastes into this dark, rich soil-building ingredient. Millions of micro-organisms convert organic matter into humic acid, locking up the nutrients in very large molecules that are not easily water-soluble. This means that they do not get leached out of your soil as fertilizers do. Plants and vegetables can absorb and digest these nutrients with their feeder roots, taking just what they need for healthy growth," Gill explained.

Compost heaps need water, air, lots of carbon rich food, micronutrients, an acid environment and heat. What materials can you compost? The answer is anything organic: garden refuse including straw, weeds, wood shavings, shredded twigs, glass clippings and also kitchen waste such as coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells, paper, fruit peels, anything that was once living. You can even throw your old leather shoes on the heap!

Your compost heap should be ready after about three months. Or you could use a compost bin, which helps speed up the

composting process and also needs far less water. Give Gill a call on 083 4127325 if you need help setting up your compost heap.

Worm farms

Worm farms are recycling wonders. They eat plant and animal leftovers such as apple cores and eggshells and the waste material they leave behind can be used on your house or garden plants and veggies. Worm wee is a great organic fertilizer and is liquid gold. Worms will eat just about anything. They reduce the need for artificial fertilizers, which are not only expensive but also damage the soil structure and organisms.

A number of people in town have worm farms and if anyone needs help setting one up, contact the Garden Club committee – suegoosen@yahoo.com - and someone will be sure to help you.

Re-use & re-invent

Loads of everyday items can be re-used in the garden. A toilet roll protects new seedlings or covers leaks to blanch them. Cut up milk and yoghurt containers make great seedling labels. Broken cups or mugs can be used at the bottom of pot plants to assist in water drain off. Old orange bags are great for collecting dried herbs or veggie seeds.

April meeting

The next Garden Club meeting will be a trip to Weltevrede Fig Farm on 6 April. Meet at 14:00/2pm at the Museum. There will be a tour of the orchards; remember to wear sensible walking shoes. Please bring a chair and expect a delicious tea and fig tart for R25. Figs and fig products will also be on sale, so bring extra cash!



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Voor: Cornelle Carstens

- Ilze Koorts -

Gedurende 2010 het die plaaslike VLV-tak MARIA as hul kunstenaar van die jaar gekies. Omstandighede het egter veroorsaak dat haar besoek aan Prince Albert eers op 12 Maart 2011 kon plaasvind.

MARIA, oftewel Arnelda Oosthuizen van Mosselbaai, is huidiglik een van Suid-Afrika se gewildste skilders en deel haar talent om oomblikke en boodskappe op die skilderdoek vas te vang met almal teenwoordig. Arnelda het 'n inspirerende boodskap vir elkeen, volmaak afgerond met 'n mimiek-vertoning van die begaafde kunstenaar Cornelle Carstens.

MARIA het in 'n pragtige skildery van Prince Albert, wat die essensie van die dorp met die berge en kerk vasvang, gemaak en by hierdie geleentheid aan die dorp geskenk. Me Lydia Barella het die skildery, wat uiteindelik in die Fransie

Pienaar Museum sal hang, dankbaar in ontvangs geneem. Eers sal dit by verskeie ander plekke in die dorp uitgestal word.

Almal wat die geleentheid bygewoon het, het die Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg geïnspireerd verlaat. Baie dankie aan Laetitia wat haar pragtige lokaal beskikbaar gestel het.

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Griffin Roberts, gemeenskapsontwikkelaar werker van BADISA, saam met Teresa Terblanche, student by Renu-Karoo Kwekery by die gronde waar daar beoog word om die groentetuin te ontwikkel.

Daar is 'n groot behoefte aan kos onder die minder bevoorregte kinders van die Prince Albert gebied. BADISA (Barmhartige Dienste Saam) is 'n organisasie in die Prince Albert omgewing, en die mense van hierdie organisasie doen hul bes om soveel magies moontlik vol te hou. Volgens meneer Dave Rennie, voorsitter van BADISA, is daar daaglik 'n geweldige groot aantal kinders wat aan hul deur kom klop vir kos. "Dit is 'n onmoontlike taak om al hierdie kinders te voed" sê hy.

Die enigste permanente oplossing is om kinders te leer om vir hulself kos te voorsien. Teresa Terblanche, 'n student wat tans haar praktiese jaar by die kwekery Renu-Karoo beoefen, se vader het 'n watertenk aan BADISA geskenk. Vervolgens het die student, namens Renu-Karoo, saam met BADISA 'n projek aangepak.

Dit bestaan uit twee fases: eerstens, die voorbereiding en oprigting van die watertenk en daarna die aanlê van 'n gemeenskapstuintjie vir die genoemde kinders. Die water in die watertenk sal gebruik word om hierdie tuintjie te onderhou.

Die fokus val op omgewingsopvoeding en om terselfdetyd noodsaaklikhede aan die gemeenskap te voorsien. Daar word gehoop om die kinders se houding teenoor hulself en die omgewing positief te beïnvloed, sodat hulle die implikasies van hul keuses vir die natuur en hulself sal begryp. Hulle moet van jongs af geleer word dat die natuur aan hulle sal voorsien indien hulle op hul beurt omsien na die natuur.

Dit gaan dus oor veel meer as om net kos aan die hongeres te verskaf. Die kinders lêr die konsep om vir hulself en hul families te voorsien. Hulle word vaardig ge-

maak om hul eie groente te kweek, watter faktore die groei van sade en en plante bepaal, watter voedingstowwe elk van die groentetipes bevat en watter plante spesifieke insekspesies aanlok en afweer, ook watter kombinasies van groente die beste saam groei. Daar word geleer om gesonde grond te bou en watter afvalstowwe gebruik kan word om kompos te maak. Die kinders sal dus ingewy word in die hele spektrum van plante groei en tuintjies onderhou.

So word daar van jongs af deurentyd belangrike lewensvaardighede aangeleer: deur na die tuintjie om te sien, word die kinders verantwoordelik vir iets wat van hulle afhanklik is. Hopelik vorm daar mettertyd 'n band van samewerking tussen hulle en sal hulle ook hul kreatiwiteit gebruik om probleme op te los.

Die groentetuintjie sal voordele vir beide die gemeenskap en die omgewing inhou. Die kinders sal touwys gemaak word oor waterbesparing en die belangrike implikasies daarvan, en behoort sodoende sekere aspekte van die natuur te leer en 'n liefde vir die natuur aan te kweek.

Daar word ook moontlik beoog om gevangenis van die plaaslike korrektiewe dienste te betrek om fisiese werk te verrig as deel van hul gemeenskapsdiens.

Die bestuurders van die projek is tans besig met die beplanning vir die oprigting van die watertenk. Donasies daarvoor word ingesamel by verskeie besighede in die George omgewing. Daar word beoog om dit in Klaarstroom op te rig omdat daár tans geen watertenks beskikbaar is nie. "Ons is baie opgewonde oor die projek en hoop regtig dat dit 'n verskil in die gemeenskap sal maak", sê Teresa.

Alle ondersteuning is welkom. Vir enige donasies, byvoorbeeld finansieel - vir die watertenk of groentetuin, skakel asseblief een van die volgende nommers:
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Teresa Terblanche: 076 886 4828,
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Albert College Art Tour to Cape Town



A stadium with a view (Photo: Di Steyn)

- Emma Maeyer, Michaela Steyn & Caleb Swanepoel -

The Albert College Art Tour to Cape Town in February turned out to be an all round Cultural tour. One of the highlights was definitely the Design Indaba Expo - an annual exhibition where many famous and not-so-famous South African designers display some incredible work.

We heard all about the Woolworth's 'Make a Difference' project and competition, which this year was 'Brand a Band.' An up and coming band called the Liminals and a South African rapper called Ratex performed. Then we spent hours admiring all the different eye-catching stalls with everything from jewellery to ceramics. Seeing young artists being so innovative was quite something, every piece of work was different. We had a break now and then to watch one of the many fashion shows.

On Saturday morning our little group went on a guided tour of the Greenpoint Soccer Stadium that hosted eight FIFA World Cup games last year. It cost R4.4 billion and seats sixty-four thousand spectators. We went into the team changing rooms where they chill before the second half and got to see where all the 'big shots' hang out during matches, very fancy.

Then we visited the Natural History Museum to look at their new Bushmen exhibition. Michaela and Emma are studying them and we wanted a bit more insight into their culture. It's really interesting to know about these people who led a simple life, experienced each day as it came and took only what they needed from nature, not exploiting it like humans today. We can all learn from the Bushmen.

At the Gold Museum we saw examples of early traditional African goldsmiths' work and after lunch we visited the District 6 Museum and heard the story of Noor who watched his home being destroyed when he was forced to move out of District 6.

That evening we had to dress up because we were off to the famous River Dance. We really didn't know what to expect, but after only ten minutes we were mesmerised. It was wow! Those people have so much talent. The music for the dancing was also live, with an awesome drummer and violinist. For those who don't know- like us before the show- it is a type of Irish tap dancing.

We visited the Iziko National Gallery on Sunday morning. It was quite different from anything we had seen so far, a mixture of Bushman art, modern fashion and sculptures, as well as older paintings and an exhibition of photos from the

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Albert College Water Walk

- Reuben Esterhuizen, Alexander Swane-poel, Hannah Modra & Christopher Mullins -

On 16 March Albert College joined Dr Sue Dean from Renu-karoo and Heinrich Mettler from the Municipality on an outing to learn more about Prince Albert's water resources.

We started at the sparkling clean stream at Eerstewater in the Swartberg Pass where we discovered the water we drink and use comes from the Swartberg Mountains, some runs off into the Dorpsrivier, most seeps through cracks in the sandstone to fill up the aquifers.

Water from the river and that pumped from the boreholes in the Pass, runs along a furrow to town. Something we found very interesting was that the furrow water is managed by the Kweekvallei Waterbesproeiingsraad. The municipality has a 'waterbeurt' of 30%, but

they can draw additional water from the boreholes. In the past the furrow was open, now the water flows through a pipe and the furrow is covered. 'Tortoise dams' have been placed every 500m so that the wild animals can still get to the water, this way Nature is not disturbed.

The Municipality has nine boreholes that are ready to pump water. Their levels are all very closely monitored. Those in the mountain have the best water quality, while those closer to town are poorer because of the different rocks through which the water flows. Two near the purification plant are only used when the town is in dire need, due to the fact that the water from this area contains high levels of iron. When your drinking water is reddish you know these boreholes are being used.

At the purification plant on the outskirts of town the water goes through three stages of purification. It is filtered into two big covered dams and from there passes through

the chlorine purifying system and lastly enters sand filters. When iron-rich water is used it is sent through an extra soda-ash filter to remove some of the iron.

We need to use water carefully because during December and January we didn't have enough to keep the taps running 24 hours a day.

The Municipality has recently been testing an artificial refill system. During the winter months, when there is more than enough water for supplying the town, the excess could be pumped back into the aquifers (underground compartments) to refill them and store water for the summer months when we experience a peak of water usage. Tests have been positive.

Our water walk ended at the Sewerage Plant where we realised how dirty the water becomes during its journey through town. Even after going through all the settling tanks it is still polluted with bacteria. We are very grateful to both Dr Dean and Mr Mettler for sharing



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their knowledge with us. We learnt how important it is for everyone in Prince Albert to be responsible about how they use water, so we have included some tips:

- Follow the Municipality's advice about watering in the evenings and early morning and mulch your garden beds.
- Water your trees with grey water from your shower.
- Please don't plant lawns.
- Install water tanks to harvest rain and dew from your roof.
- Remember air-cons and coolers use a lot of water – don't run them unnecessarily.



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apartheid era. We could have spent the whole day wandering around marvelling at the works of art and taking in different people's feelings.

Sunday afternoon we made our way to Kirstenbosch Gardens to attend the Old Mutual Sunset Concert with Loyiso Bala and Chad Saaiman who have many no1 tracks and numerous top hits. They performed songs from a cover of Bruno Mars "Just the way you are." and their own 'World of mine.'

Monday morning, on our way home, we stopped at Stellenbosch University to visit the Art and Music Departments. Jane-Lee Gouws showed us around the jewellery, design, and sculpture studios.

If, like Caleb, you love music: playing it, singing it, or maybe writing it, then Stellenbosch University would be a very exciting choice: floors of practice rooms, a whole library devoted to music: not just books but records, tapes and CD's all available to listen to. The University has

two large choirs and its own recording studio. It's packed with concert halls and lecture theatres, making it a musician's paradise.

We then headed for Backsberg Wine farm and Cooking School. This was the place Emma really wanted to see because she is interested in a career in cooking.

Everyone was extremely friendly and showed us around, providing lots of information. The students grow their own food and as we got there they had just finished cooking in their practical "classroom".

We would like to thank Woolworth's 'Make a Difference' programme, Emma's grandparents and her mum Imke, for welcoming us to their Camps Bay home and our biggest "Thanks" goes to Di Steyn, our Art teacher, for arranging this awesome experience and having the nerve to take three teenagers and Andrew to Cape Town for four days.

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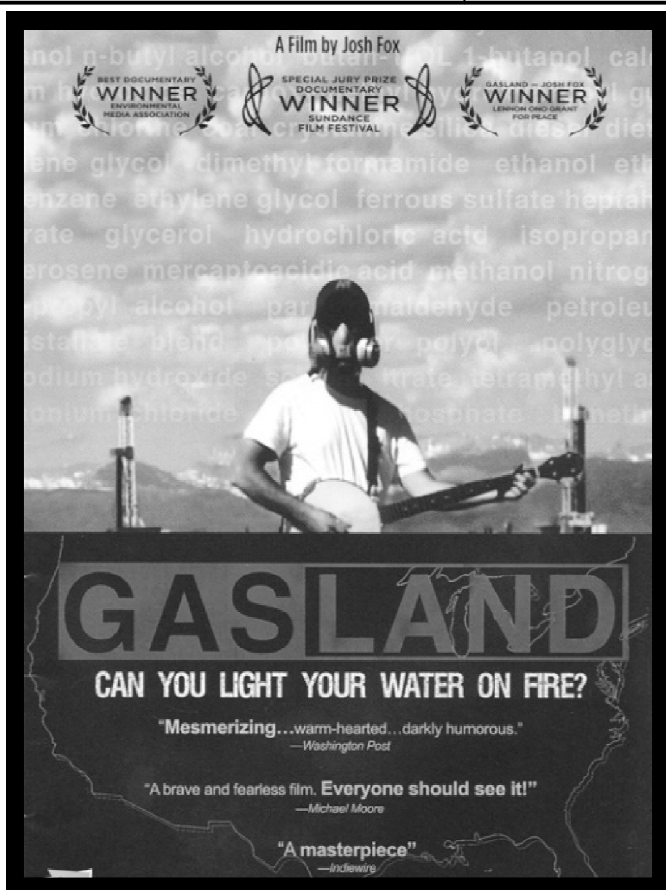
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Met koesterende hoop dat vanagter die rant,
Al is dit dan maar so groot soos 'n man se hand,
Daar dalk net 'n wolkie mag verskyn.

En dan op 'n dag, so lank verwag
Word hoop in waarheid omgekeer
Bo die kim kom stadig uitgeklim
Dowwe dowwe soos die rue van weiende mowwe
Blye beloftes van donderweer.

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Bring 'n salwing oor die gees
Salig, salwend soos die balsam van Glead van toe moes wees.
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Dy uit soos reuse oopgekloude wol
En kom nou dreunend aangerol.
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Begin milde reëns uitsak
Laagtes milde reëns uit te sak
Laagtes, met doringboom omsom
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Dan deel ek hul mee
Dis die wind vanaf die see
Wat die voedende vog na my geboortegrond dra.

As ek dan hier my eenvoudige hulde bring
Word dit in 'n leeftyd se liefde uitgesing
Hierdie deur droogte geteisterde moeder,
Bly steeds haar kinders se getroue voeder.

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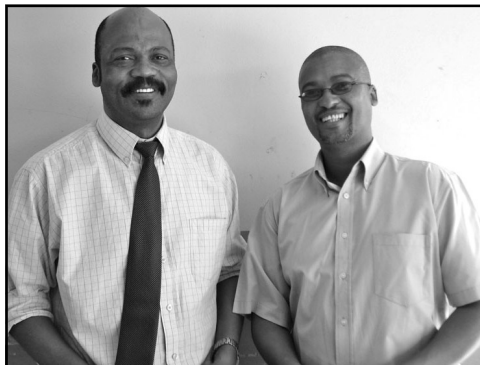
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Van ons oudleerders het ook baie goed presteer in die 2010 Matriekexamens. Stuart Delpport het onderskeidings in Engels en LO gekry en studeer tans BSc Chemie by Stellenbosch. Attie Lekay het 'n onderskeiding in Wiskunde gekry en hy is ook by Stellenbosch waar hy BSc Wiskunde studeer. Lucille Steyn het onder andere in LO 'n onderskeiding gekry en studeer tans Verpleging aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat. Madré Uys is by CTI waar sy Sielkunde studeer en Waldon Ewerts is by die College of Audio Engineering waar hy Audio Engineering studeer.

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By Prince Albert Primêr is dit nie net die leerders wat hard aan die werk is nie, ons opvoeders studeer ook verder. Mnr. C. Ewerts en Mnr. J. Minnaar het by Universiteit van Stellenbosch die Gevorderde Onderwysertifikaat in Skoolbestuur verwerf. Me. L. Fodor het by Universiteit van die Wes-Kaap die Advanced Certificate in Education: School Librarianship *cum laude* verwerf.

Baie geluk aan almal, ons weet dit is nie maklik om voltyds te werk, 'n gesin te behartig en nog ook te studeer nie. Teen volgende jaar hoop ons om hier te spog met opvoeders wat hul Honneurs grade verwerf het!

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- Neville Claassen -

Prince Albert Primêr se skaakspan was van 10 tot 16 Desember 2010 by die Universiteit van Johannesburg waar ons deelgeneem het aan die Suid-Afrikaanse Junior Skaakkampioenskappe.

Maurice Claassen, Naaim Briesies, Morné Hendricks en Dealiah Koonthea het gekwalifiseer omdat hulle die Oudt-

shoorn streekspan gehaal het, en daarna in die SWD span opgeneem is.

Hulle moes voldoen aan die *Chess South Africa* (CHESSA) vereistes om te kon deelneem aan die kompetisie. Hulle het elk sewe rondtes gespeel. Maurice Claassen het vyf rondtes gewen en het dus derde geëindig op bord 3 vir die o/14 span.

Hierdie jaar gaan Rivaldo Hattingh en Dealiah Koonthea deelneem aan 'n talent identifiseërings toernooi.

Elke jaar word leerders wat jonger as 13-jaar is en besonder goed presteer in 'n sport, geïdentifiseer sodat hulle kan gekeur word vir die Kuilsrivier Sport-skool.

Dit is 'n fokusskool waar leerders nie net akademiese kennis verwerf nie, maar ook opgelei word in die sport van hul keuse. Die doel is dat hul eendag hul sport professioneel sal kan beoefen en opgelei kan word as afrigters.

Sport by PA Primêr

- Dirk Visser -

Prince Albert Primêr het 'n besige sportseisoen agter die rug. 'n Naelbyt Kleurebyeenkoms het op 29 Januarie by die Hoërskool Zwartberg se sportgronde plaasgevind. Die Cheetahs het los voor gewen, terwyl die Sharks gesink het. Die Bulls moes maar terug kraal toe!

Die leerders wat eerste, tweede en derde plekke verower het was deel van die Inter-skole span wat op 7 Februarie in Oudtshoorn teen agt ander skole deelgeneem het. Dinsdag het 73 leerders opgewonde met die bus vertrek. Ons leerders het goed presteer en Benjamin Jonas, Pieter Rooi, Roxanne Nel en Bonita Wildskut is gekeur om aan die SWD-proewe deel te neem.

Op 17 Februarie het die vier leerders aan die SWD-proewe te Oudtshoorn deelgeneem. Benjamin Jonas het vierde geëindig in die 1500m. Mooi so, Ben, ons is trots op jou!

Primêr o/11 en o/13 krieketspanne het al hul wedstryde gewen en eindig die seisoen onoorwonne. Ons begin volgende kwartaal met rugby en ons sien uit na 'n opwindende seisoen.

PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING NOMMER 9/2011

AANSOEK OM VOORGESTELDE HERSONERING VAN ERF 139, ADDERLEYSTRAAT 109, PRINS ALBERT

MNR. WILLEM CORNELIS MARAIS

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 17 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **MNR. WILLEM CORNELIS MARAIS** ontvang het vir die **HERSONERING** van **ERF 139, Adderleystraat 109, Prins Albert**, vanaf **Residensiële Sone na Sake Sone II**, vir die bedryf van 'n **Kafee en Besigheid wat Wegneem etes verkoop**.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **DONDERDAG 21 APRIL 2011** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor
Privaatsak X53
PRINS ALBERT
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PL OLIPHANT
wnde MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
14 Maart 2011
Tel. (023) 541-1320

PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NUMBER 9/2011

PROPOSED REZONING OF ERF 139, 109 ADDERLEY STREET, PRINCE ALBERT

MR. WILLEM CORNELIS MARAIS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 17 of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that Council received an application from **MR. WILLEM CORNELIS MARAIS** to **REZONE ERF 139, 109 ADDERLEY STREET, PRINCE ALBERT** from **Residential Zone** to **Business Zone II** to practice a **Café and a business to sell take-aways**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2011**.

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acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER
5 October 2010
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Successful Sports Day



The 'Golden Games' – a team of senior citizens – took on their younger counterparts at 'Passing the Ball' at the Odendaal Stadium on 5 March (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

One baking Saturday at the beginning of March, Prince Albert's Odendaal Stadium looked particularly spruced up. From early in the morning there was a buzz of activity as Anthony Morgan, Marco-Dean Baardman, Henry Piedt, Carina Botes and Elzane Arries, made sure that their detailed plans for their sports day were carried out like clock work.

The five young people represent the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport in Prince Albert and Klaarstroom and for the day were known as Team Karoo Olives. For the last three months the Department has sponsored their studies in Sport Events Management at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT). The

final module of the short course was the practical implementation of all the theory they had learned. Their course organisers and their supervisor at the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Roy Siljeur, were on the spot to assess their organisational skills and their hosting of the sports day at the Odendaal Stadium.

The programme catered for everyone and from the get go there was no chance for spectators or participants to be bored. After the official welcomes and (short) speeches, the tone was set by a young Klaarstroomer's remarkable Michael Jackson routine, followed by an exhilarating performance by a troupe of young Riel dancers from Laingsburg who had the

onlookers shouting for more.

There was a frenetically paced rugby game between the North (Prince Albert Primêr) and the South (Hoërskool Zwartberg), which saw the North emerge as the winners. The netball match was won convincingly by Prince Albert Primêr girls who played a team comprising members of Hoërskool Zwartberg players. All the while, tiny and not-so tiny tots were having their faces painted in the shade of a nearby stand.

A highlight of the morning was 'Passing the ball' where senior residents, proudly known as the 'Golden Games', showed guile, intent and speed to beat their young opponents decisively! The 'Golden Games' again showed their prowess in winning the 'Needle and Cotton' event, which resulted in bloody fingers for many competitors, as well as the 'Egg Throwing'. The Sack Races were lots of fun too for those who got the hang of it quite quickly, while one participant gave up trying to hop in his 'feed bag' after several falls and remained prone on the field while his opponents hopped or shuffled on by.

Everyone who participated received a certificate and a water bottle and enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and cold drink. Team Karoo Olives passed with flying colours and were complimented on their attention to detail, efficiency, crowd control and their resourcefulness in finding sponsors for the event. They graduated from CPUT on 18 March.



UITSTALLING / EXHIBITION

"EEN MENS HET BAIE NAME"

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wat hulde bring aan die kreatiwiteit
van Outa Piet Balelie, uitgebeeld
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OPENING 6 o'clock Friday, 1ST APRIL 2011
PRINCE ALBERT GALLERY

ARGUS: PRINCE ALBERT STAAN STERK

- Dawid Rossouw -

Maartmaand en dis Argus voor en agter. Fietsryers rond hulle lang voorbereiding af, fietse word nagesien en goed geolie. Belangstelling en ondersteuning ontbreek nie. Die vrae op almal se lippe is : voel jy goed, gaan die wind waai? Opwinding bou op en 'n gevoel soos bok(fiets)koors pak jou beet.....al het jy die Argus al hoeveel kere gery!!

Die rit Kaap toe is 'n avontuur. Voertuie met fietse bo-op of agteraan is 'n welkome afwisseling van die nimmereindigende swaar trokke. By brandstofpunte trek 'n onsigbare pleister die Argus-entoesiaste bymekaar. Van Durban, Thabazimbi, Clocolaan...wonder of daar enige noemenswaardige dorp in die land is wat nie op pad is om Chapmanspeak en Suikerbossie te oorwin nie. Al stok in die speke is boetes vir spoed en versteekte nommerplate agter die fietse!

Registrasie in Die Goeie Hoop sentrum en die Lifecycle expo jaag die bloeddruk en hartklop net hoër. Dis lipaflek lekker om al die fiets goodies te bekijk en 'n vet beursie plat te koop. Wat jy soek, is hier.

Sondagoggend, 13de, breek windstil en helder oor die Hottentotsholland berge. Ses uur spring die eerste van die meer as 35000 deelnemers aan die Cape Argus Pick en Pay fietstoer weg, die grootste tydgemeente toer in die wêreld. Seepglad organisasie verseker dat groepe van nagenoeg 600 deelnemers elke 2 minute wegspring.

Onder die menigtes is nege wat die Prinsdorp onder die Swartberge verteenwoordig. Nou is dit fokus, trap, sweet, slukkie water, trap, sweet. Ja, dis harde werk, maar in dié uitsoekweer is daar tyd om die uitsonderlike natuurskoon op die roete en die ligter oomblikke te geniet. Op die gelyktes sing die kettings en grom die growwer bande van die bergfietse, Teen die steiltes daal 'n stilte oor die ryers. In die atmosfeer teen Smitswinkelbaai se klim, roep 'n grapjas : Waarom so stil? Iemand antwoord : die Stormers het gewen. Spitsvondig grap 'n ander uit die bondel: ek weet



Fietsryers by Chapmans Peak (Photo: Deon Gurling)

julle is stomgeslaan! Almal trap weer moedig voort.

Die nege helde van ons dorp dra die Prins se kroon hoog. Almal voltooi die uitdagende 110km ongedeerd en met min nagevolge.

Chris (jnr) Jooste in 'n tyd van 2h48 is eerste in die onder 16 ouderdomsgroep en ontvang by die prysuitdeling in Kampsbaai 'n pragtige trofee. Sy suster, Lulu, was 10de (tyd 3h13) in die onder 23 vroue groep. Daarna volg Bull Olivier (3h02); Johan Fourie (3h51); Johan Risik (4h22); Dawid Rossouw (4h56); Bokkie Botha (4h57); Jamie Botha (5h01); Jeremy Freemantle (5h28).

Chris (Klein Chris of Boetie, soos u wil) wat ook vroeër vanjaar 3de in ouderdom by die SA Kampioenskappe was, is genooi om as een van ses ryers in die buiteland te gaan ry. Dit sal gedurende Julie en Augustus geskied. Al wat in die talentvolle ryer se pad kan staan, is die hoë koste daaraan verbonde.

As dit by fietsry kom is niemand te oud en te koud nie. Die oudste deelnemer aan die Argus was 91 jaar. Ongelukkig het hy in Chappies geval en kon die toer nie voltooi nie. Plaaslik is daar baie sluimerende talent en fietse vol stof. Met 'n bietjie afstof en oefening kan die getal deelnemers volgende jaar verdubbel.

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